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Dear Josh,

The misunderstanding was on my part; I find a note in the file that I should send the plate counts on the experiment on pair-formation. The details are attached, and also the details for table 1 which are referred to in the text but would be clearer if included in the table. Two or three queries, on which we had not made a decision, are noted but they seem unimportant ones.

The Institute of Biology has asked if I will give a paper on dangers of interplanetary contamination at a space biology colloquium in September: This may get published, as the Director thinks it needs publicity. When it is finished I will send a typescript - it will largely be borrowings from your ideas I am afraid!

Am getting more interested in longevity of bacteria in nature, and hope to get some suitable material. Paul Ehrlich and I may try the NSF for the grasshopper glacier. More on this in due course.

Yukinori is here and we plan to meet in a day or two. Joan sends, with me, our warmest wishes to you both, and to all at Stanford.

Yours,

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